

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of : | ) | Group Art Unit:       |
| David E. Graham            | ) |                       |
| Serial Number:             | ) | Examiner:             |
| Filed: February 22, 2006   | ) |                       |
| Title: CONTROLLING THE     | ) | Preliminary Amendment |
| FORMATION OF CRYSTALLINE   | ) |                       |
| HYDRATES IN FLUID SYSTEMS  | ) |                       |
| Attorney Docket: MSH – 269 | ) | February 22, 2006     |

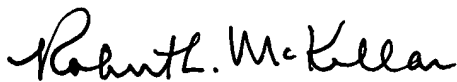
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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

Prior to calculating the filing fee for this application, please enter this preliminary amendment. Claims 1, 31 and 32 have been cancelled and new claims 33, 34, and 35 have been substituted therefor. Support for the new claims can be found in the instant specification, page 3, lines 10 to 15. A status of claims has been appended hereto, consisting of 3 pages and 35 claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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